

your dues and meet them, and start off the new secretary on a solid basis, knowing that if we do our part God will take care of the rest and give the spiritual blessing. "Cast your money upon the waters and it will not return to you void." Render unto God his dues or you cannot claim from him any of his promises.

Rev. Keifer who has been in Christ's army for over forty years will be our pastor the coming year and he will continue to preach the old, old story of Jesus and his love in its plain, simple, unadulterated form. Tho he does not go away off into beautiful description of obscure things or declaim beautiful figures which are beautiful only in themselves, yet he always has plenty of Jesus Christ in his sermons and by the example of his own life, his preaching should receive a response in every heart where Christ dwells. Let us hold up his hands that he in turn may hold up Christ in all his beauty and purity so that we may see the great love, pity and sympathy he had for a poor, sinful, dying world and that we may imbibe enough of God's spirit that his light may shine thru us, so others may see it and come and worship a true and worthy God.

ENOCH FETTERS.

#### Explanation

Dear Brother Editor:—In No. 5, current volume of the EVANGELIST, Brother Louis S. Bauman states, writing of the Dayton Mission work, "We also received a number of letters coming from the Bear Creek church." It is due to the pastor, and the Bear Creek church to explain that the members referred to have long been identified with the Dayton work, were organized with the Dayton church before the present pastorate began, and in applying for their letters the reason given was, "because of convenience for worship." I am sure Brother Bauman did not mean to leave a doubtful impression, so I offer this explanation in behalf of the Bear Creek church and her pastor.

J. C. MACKEY, Pastor.

West Alexandria, O.

#### North Liberty, Ind.

Our church at this place is well organized at this time. We are out of debt, praise the Lord, and all in love and union.

Brother A. S. Menaugh gives us three sermons every month. He is a good, earnest worker and is well liked by all, inside as well as outside of the church.

Brother Johnathan H. Swihart is to be inaugurated in our midst on the same day that McKinley is to take his seat at Washington. Don't suppose the ceremonies will be as great, but it may do us more good at North Liberty.

T. H. FRAME.

#### Cambria, Ind.

After a long silence I will send you a few lines, thinking it might interest some of your readers. On account of the long illness of Mrs. Fox, I have been kept close to my home most of the time this winter. She has been confined to the house since Oct. 29; was confined to her bed for just twelve weeks during six of which she was dangerously ill.

I have taken the pastorate of the Oakville congregation to the end of the ecclesiastical year. I commenced our revival there on the night of Jan. 29 and continued for almost four weeks. I found the church at peace and seeming anxious for the meeting. We ordered fifty more Pentecostal Hymns, No 2, and with Brother Holsinger acting as chorister and his daughter, Sister Metsgos, at the organ, promised us good music which is the life of any meeting. To say we had a good meeting is expressing it mildly. I enjoyed it very much. While there I was in just fifty homes. The result of the meeting will be reported in full by sister Rosa Garrett.

When I was ready to leave for home two of the sisters gave me a purse of \$5.00 for Mrs. Fox. May God bless the donors. I arrived at home Sun-

day morning in time to meet my home congregation, which I enjoyed very much.

We will commence our revival here March 5. Will all who are interested pray that God will give us victory?

I enjoy reading the EVANGELIST very much.

JOHN M. FOX.

#### Brain Dust

Patience is faith waiting.

Instinct is a raveling of inspiration.

When the prophet lost his grip he sought a juniper tree and with his head between his knees could do nothing but groan. The juniper trees have not all been cut down.

That was a good article by Brother Furry, on "Preach the Gospel," but when we take Moody's advice and bear down hard on sin, people sometimes do not like it. They even resolute against it. But I guess we will keep on bearing down, even tho it may not be considered dignified sometimes.

Get out a western edition of the EVANGELIST,—let Falls City, Hamlin, Carleton, Poney Creek, McLouth, and the other western churches write up their history, send in their cuts, etc., and let the East know what is in the West. Carleton will stand five dollars worth. Come on, let's do it good.

Hamlin will no doubt do her part. So soon leaving there I can not speak for her, but I am sure she will. Here is a good church building and an open field. The right man in the right way may do good work. I did not get to see Brother Bashor, but had the pleasure of meeting Brother Flora. Will write letter from here on closing the work.

At this writing my wife is in the East, having been called home to attend her father's funeral. Alex Dill was about seventy-six years of age, a member of the Methodist Protestant church the greater part of his life. He was a good man and a true father to his boys and girls. I shall miss him.

Abysinia Sabina Bauman, wife of J. C. Bauman, was born July 8, 1852, and died Dec. 13, 1900, aged 48 years, 5 months and 5 days. She was married Dec. 7, 1872. Her husband and four children are living at this place, and mourn her loss. One child preceded her to the spirit world. Her death was mentioned by Brother Wm. Bauman and myself, but the above dates were not given, so I mention them here. Sister Bauman was a good woman and left a family of good children. Time only shows how dear she was to the loved ones who await the reunion.

It was my privilege to witness the death of Harold, the five and a half year old son of Robt. and Edith Klepinger, of Belvedere. They were formerly members of the church here. The little fellow died Sunday morning at half past two; died from membranous croup. A little while before dying he turned toward his father and looked at him; then turning to his mother looked at her, and said; "I am going." Both parents exclaimed, "Where are you going Harold?" and he replied, "I am going to heaven." Just before he died he lifted himself up, and with his little hand outstretched whispered, "Heaven." I never saw a death bed of such a nature in one so young. As I stood at the foot of the bed with the doctor and watched him, I thanked God for the reality of religion, and that the little ones belonged to Jesus.

Our Carleton church is holding her own. I counted over eighty at our C. E. last Sunday night, and a house so full at preaching that the back room had to be used. Brother Lammie's family have moved in. This is a good country, a live town, a strong church. If you think of changing homes, come this way, you will find good people and a helping hand.

JOHN DUKE.

#### Louisville, Ohio

We have meetings every week, and are very busy making quilts and doing plain sewing. We hold no devotional meetings on these days; we have the first Sunday in the month, to have our devotional and business sessions.

The Sunday school is in good condition, considering the state of the church. Brother Clapper is at its head. He is earnest and untiring in his effort, to make the school what it should be. The Prayer Meetings—well you can't expect a very flourishing meeting where the church is dead. Our church is like a heavily loaded wagon, with a team of horses hitched at both ends. It is not the fault of the Louisville people that we have no pastor, but when one congregation pulls one way and the other some other way, there will not be much accomplished in getting out of the mire. This place in a few years will be a good place for the Home Mission to work up. It is sad but nevertheless true. I am not the official reporter of our society here, but as no one else has reported, I am not taking any one else's place.

JENNIE GROVE.

#### Warsaw, Ind.

As a result of a three weeks' meeting at this place we have been greatly strengthened as a class. Thirty-one have been added to the Lord. Eighteen of these are from the Sunday-school or Junior society. One came by relation, two by letter and the rest by baptism. Among the number are two mutes. The interest was good thru-out and we were loath to close while having accessions every night.

During the ten years since the organization of the church here there have been 403 accessions. Some of these of course have fallen away; some have moved to other places and some have been called home, so that scarcely more than the half are yet working with us. Our field is among the common people and as of old they hear the word gladly. But our financial strength is not great.

As usual many are lingering just outside the door and we hope to win them yet.

C. F. YODER.

#### Washington, D. C.

I have been repeatedly asked by some of the Brethren to write for the EVANGELIST in reference to the work in this city. Thus far have failed to comply with the request, but one of the Brethren comes at me this time and wants to know "if I am dead." No! am neither dead nor sleeping but quietly and anxiously awaiting developments.

August 28, 1900, some of the members of this band of Brethren secured a Charter of Incorporation, looking forward to the time when we could claim this church "all our own" and be a support to some "mission" point, rather than receive support ourselves. In fact we should consider well that injunction,—"It is better to give than to receive." In practice some of us are prone to get it vice versa. Since securing the Charter last August, the writer has looked forward with much concern to the *First Regular Business Meeting of The First Brethren church of Washington, D. C.*

It occurred the 22nd day of this month and was a blessing to many of us. An election was held and all the officers necessary to conduct the business affairs of the church were elected. Do not think it essential to give you a full list of those elected, but can not refrain from writing a few words in reference to our *First Moderator*, brother Robert I. Garber. Brother Garber has been a member of the church here since its inception. He has, as much so as any person, experienced the difficulties which arise in making a Brethren church out of a G. B. organization. Brother Garber is thoroughly grounded in the faith and doctrines of the Brethren church and we do not hesitate to say that the church placed the honor on herself rather than on Brother Garber in making him the choice for Moderator.